



# Introduction of 2014 Budget

the Millstone Township Board of Fire Commissioners

Millstone Township Fire District #1

February 5, 2014





"It is the mission of the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency response services to all citizens and property located in Millstone Township. Through incident response, public education, and code enforcement, we will provide the residents of Millstone Township with the highest quality of service possible consistent with the prudent utilization of public funds. We are dedicated to respect, integrity, leadership, and accountability amongst ourselves to insure that our career and volunteer firefighters are properly trained and equipped to serve our community."



- History of Fire District
- Station Staffing And Equipment
- Accomplishments of 2013
- Challenges for 2014
- 2014 Budget Summary
- Questions & Answers



#### **Proudly Serving for 75 Years!**

1938 - Millstone Township Fire Department is Founded



1941- New Firehouse is Constructed (which is now Community Center)





## A History of Service

1977 - Current Firehouse is Constructed



1979 - Fire District #1 is Established





## **Proudly Serving for 75 Years!**

1999 - First Career Firefighters Hired



#### Station 32-1

- 9 Full-Time Career Firefighters & Officers (9) \*Comparison Figures from 2013
- 21 Active Volunteer Firefighters & Officers (20)
- Supported by:
  - 5 Probationary Firefighters (4)
  - 1 Fire Police (1)
  - 30 Ladies Auxiliary (30)
    - 8 Explorers (10)



#### Station 32-1

32-74 1997 International Engin	ational Engine
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32-96 1990 Mack Engine and Tank Trailer (6000 gal.)

Plus a complement of 4 command/utility vehicles and DECON trailer.

- 679 Total Incidents (939)
  - 16 Structure Fires (27)
  - 22 Mutual Aid Responses for Neighboring Communities (68)



July 12, 2013





Mutual Aid to Jackson September 19, 2013





Mutual Aid to Upper Freehold February 10, 2013



115 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls (115)

- 12 Requiring Extrication (10)
- 6 Vehicle Fires (13)







Stagecoach Road and Schoolhouse Lane





Baird Road







Route 195 and Route 537



- 247 EMS Assists Under First Responder Program (260)
  - 4 Medivac Helicopter Landing Zone Assistance (5)







- 26 Power Lines Down/Electrical (172)
- 11 Brush Fires (16)
- 19 CO Detector Activations (4 calls with high readings) (32)
- 13 HazMat Incidents (16)







Training and Drills for 2013

1695 Man-Hours for Drills/Preparedness1204 Man-Hours for Classes/Training

2899 Total Man-Hours



Ice Rescue Training









## **Community Outreach**

- Fire Prevention Week Programs at Schools
- Fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month



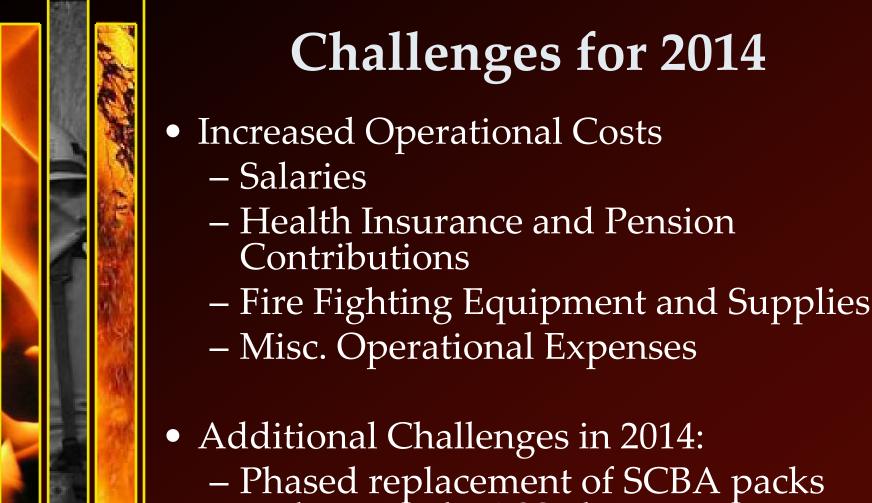


- Explorers Program
- Operation Santa
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- MOMS Club of Millstone Township

Sponsorship of Little League







for substation

with integral PASS alarms

Diesel exhaust evacuation system

#### Summary

Total Budget for 2014: \$1,833,055 \$79,545 More Than Requested in 2013 (\$1,753,510)

#### One Question on the Ballot:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes - \$1,642,155 \$455 Less Than Requested in 2013

(\$1,642,610)



Proposed Local Fire Tax Rate – \$.1045 per \$100 of Assessed Value (\$.105)

No Tax Rate Increase for 2014!

Tax Rate Held Steady Due To:

Utilization of surplus from 2013 budget.

Utilization of \$65,000 from Capital Reserve for equipment purchases





- Fiscal Responsibility & Stability
- Continued Fire Protection and Public Safety Services to Meet the Needs of Millstone Township
- Improvements in Emergency Response, Protective Equipment, and Training





#### If the Budget Does Not Pass......

- Lack of Necessary Equipment and Supplies
- Reduced Training and Preparedness
- Deferred Maintenance Leading to Reliability Issues
- Service/Firefighter Reductions
- Difficulties with Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Longer Response Times
- Higher Insurance Rates



## Budget Vote and Commissioner Election

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 2:00 PM to 9:00PM

at the Clarksburg Firehouse 461 Stagecoach Road

www.mtbfc.com

or

www.millstonefire.com





Questions and Answers